Damage by floods in Assam

8332 SHRI BHADRESHWAR GOHAIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleaesd to state:

(a) what is the total value of crops (in rupees) damaged by floods in Assam annually since 1990;

(b) the total relief amount provided by Government to the State since 1990;

(c) whether the State Government has properly utilised the relief amount provided by the Centre; and

(d) whether any buffer stock has been contemplated by Government for relief in Assam during the ensuing floods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) As per information received from the Government of Assam, the details of value of crops damaged by floods in the State since 1990 are as under:—

Year	Value of crops damaged
	(Rs. in crores)
1990	63.70
1991	117.05
1992	17.88
1993	51.09
1994	8.38

(b) Government of India had released to the Government of Assam an amount of Rs. 22.50 crores annually as Central share in the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) during the years 1990-91 to 1994-95 for undertaking relief operations in the wake of natural calamities.

(c) Government of India has not received any complaint in this regard.

(d) Food Corporation of India had a stock of 81,710 tonnes of foodgrains for Assam as on 1st May, 1995. Government of Assam has also kept 15,000 tonnes of rice for flood relief purposes, as per the information received from them.

Area under drip irrigation

8333. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the area covered under drip irrigation in the country, State-wise as on date; and

(b) the facilities being provided by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The approximate area covered under drip irrigation in the country is as given below:

State	Area (in ha)
Andhra Pradesh	13,000
Assam	200
Gujarat	5,000
Haryana	500
Karnataka	14,000
Kerala	3,000
Madhya Pradesh	1,800
Maharashtra	38,000
Rajasthan	400
Tamil Nadu	5,000
Uttar Pradesh	250
West Bengal	100
Others	2,750
Total	84,000